

III. REMARKS

1. Claims 1, 5, 10 and 19 are amended. Claims 21-23 are new.
2. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 19 are not anticipated by Snyder et al. ("Snyder"), U.S. Patent No. 6,501,581, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 1, 5 and 10 are amended to recite that a first end of the data transmission element bottoms against a seat receiving the mobile station in the stand. This is not disclosed or suggested by Snyder.

Snyder teaches locating the element on the side of the seat. See e.g., FIGS. 1-3. Snyder does not disclose or suggest locating a transmitter and a receiver for optical data transmission of a mobile station at the bottom end of the mobile station.

Thus, claims 1-5, 7-10, 12, 14, 15, 17 and 19 cannot be anticipated by Snyder.

Furthermore, claim 5 is amended to recite that the data element includes at least one channel on the inside surface of the data element, and that the channel includes a reflector, and lids at each end of the channel that close the channel but allow penetration of optical signals. The lids prevent impurities, humidity or other harmful elements from entering the data transmission element.

Snyder does not disclose or suggest a channel that has ends closed with lids. Thus, claims 5-9 cannot be anticipated by Snyder.

3. Claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10-13, 16 and 18 are not anticipated by Muramatsu et al. ("Muramatsu"), U.S. Patent No. 6,477,391), under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 1 and 10 are amended to recite that a first end of the data transmission element bottoms against a seat receiving the mobile station in the stand. This is not disclosed or suggested by Muramatsu.

Muramatsu only teaches locating the interface 13 on a side of the telephone 5. There is no disclosure or suggestion of locating the element at a bottom of the mobile station to bottom against a seat receiving the mobile station in the stand. Thus, claims 1, 2, 6-8, 10-13, 16 and 18 are not anticipated.

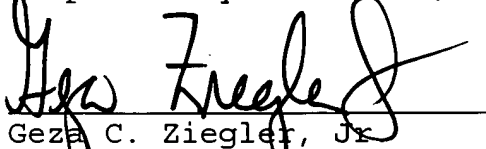
4. Claim 20 is not unpatentable over Snyder in view of Panton, U.S. Patent No. 5,519,527, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Claim 20 depends from claim 10, which should be allowable for the reasons discussed above. Thus, claim 20 should also be allowable at least in view of the dependency.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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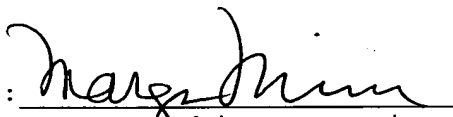
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